

merits without being connected with Senator Wesely's bill, the matter can be considered. A situation somewhat similar has been mentioned in the newspapers and I believe Senator Murphy, Senator Fitzgerald and another Senator whose name...oh, Senator Simon were distressed when this tactic was utilized in a committee and Senator Murphy I think, left in indignation. I am not asking anybody to leave the chamber. I am simply saying that we are dealing with a matter here that has met with opposition from various people in committees and has been opposed on the floor of the Legislature. So if a different procedure is attempting to be established, namely that substantial amendments are not going to be placed on bills without some type of hearing, then that ought to be complied with. Even if no principle for future use is being established the nature of Senator Wesely's bill is far different from what Senator George is proposing and therefore I think the bill ought not be returned. But, Senator George, I admire your stamina and your stick-to-itiveness.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Wesely, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Wesely, just to be sure I understand very briefly the bill as written, it will pertain first of all only to Lincoln schools. It will divide the city into boundaries so that there will be equal representation for election of school board members?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Senator Cope, the answer to that is that it does only apply to Lincoln, but it doesn't establish district election for school board members. That has already been done. All that this bill does is that when the boundaries are set for those school districts in Lincoln they have to be approved through a public hearing by the school board and that was supported. Presently the boundaries are set by the election commissioner of Lancaster County. Even he supported this change. He thought there wasn't enough public accountability so we introduced this bill which simply changes the process by which the school board district boundaries are set in Lincoln.